

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please replace the table on pages 3 and 4 of the specification with the following replacement table.

Docket No.	Title	Inventors	Filing Date	Serial or Patent No.
249/300	Gas Laser Discharge Unit	Claus Strowitzki and Hans Kodeda	February 22, 2000	09/510,539
249/301	A Gas Laser and a Dedusting Unit Thereof	Hans Kodeda, Helmut Frowein, Claus Strowitzki, and Alexander Hohla	February 22, 2000	09/511,649
249/302	Dedusting Unit for a Laser Optical Element of a Gas Laser and Method for Assembling	Claus Strowitzki	February 22, 2000	09/510,667
249/303	Shadow Device for A Gas Laser	Claus Strowitzki and Hans Kodeda	February 22, 2000	09/510,017
249/304	Modular Gas Laser Discharge Unit	Claus Strowitzki and Hans Kodeda	February 22, 2000	09/510,538
250/001	Adjustable Mounting Unit for an Optical Element of a Gas Laser	Hans Kodeda, Helmut Frowein, Claus Strowitzki, and Alexander Hohla	February 22, 2000	09/511,648

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, lines 22 – 36 with the following paragraph:

The adjustable mounting devices 300 according to the present invention preferably comprise a stud bolt 403, a biasing element 402, such as a coil spring, and an adjusting nut 305. As illustrated in FIG. 4, each stud bolt 403 preferably comprises two threaded ends and a body portion interposed

between the two threaded portions. Preferably, as illustrated, the body portion is larger in diameter than the two threaded ends. The first threaded end 404 of stud bolt 403 is slideably received through a hole in the rigid support structure 117 so that the first threaded end extends through the support structure. The second threaded end is used to attach the support structure 117 to the end wall 96 of laser tube 101 (or end wall 98 in the case of adjustable mounting unit 120). Coil spring 402 may be slideably carried on the body portion of stud bolt 403, and adjusting nut 305 is threaded onto the first threaded end 404 of the stud bolt 403 extending through the rigid support structure. As a result, the support structure 117 is slideably interposed between the adjusting nut 305 and a first end of the coil spring. When the threaded end of the stud bolt is attached to the laser tube, spring 402 biases the support structure 117 away from the second threaded end of the stud bolt 403 toward the adjusting nut 305.

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, lines 1 – 4 with the following paragraph:

Preferably stud bolt 403 further comprises a spring stop 401 disposed on the body portion of the stud bolt proximate to the second threaded end. The second end of coil spring 402 then abuts the spring stop 401 so that the coil spring is interposed between the spring stop and the rigid support structure 117.

Please replace the paragraph at page 13, lines 5 – 16 with the following paragraph:

As can be seen from FIGs. 3 and 4, the gripping portion 418 is in a gripping arrangement around the peripheral edge of optical element 116. To achieve this gripping arrangement, the gripping portion 418 preferably comprises an annular clip 421 in which the optical element is received and a stop 413. Stop 413 is provided on the inner diameter of the annular clip 421 and abuts the laser side of optical element 116 to help lock the optical element in the annular clip 421 of

the gripping portion 418. Stop 413 may comprise, for example, a snap ring or other locking mechanism such as a detent. Thus, with the aid of stop 413, the optical element 116 is prevented from falling out of the gripping portion 418 when the optical element holding and extraction device 408 is detached from the adjustable mounting structure 103 or 120. This is true even though O-ring seal 412 tends to stick to the mating face of the optical element 116 and thus tends to pull the optical element toward the laser tube 101.
